price was increased to Rs. 1282 per kg. due to impact of change in Exchange Rate of Rupee against major foreign currencies, with effect from 30th August, 1991. On 26th Feb., 1992, the price was again revised to Rs. 1346 per kg. on the basis of representation of its sole manufacturer M/s. Pfizer as per the escalation formula inbuilt in the BICP report. No instance has come to the notice of the Government that this bulk drug is available at Rs. 900 per kg.

Over-invoicing of Carbamezapine Drug

1606. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 728 given in Rajya Sabha on the 16th July, 1992 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the current leader/ceiling price of Carbamezapine Tablets is based on landed cost of import of Carbamezapine of Rs. 4500 per kg.

(b) whether it is a fact that the current landed cost of import is only Rs. 3200/- kg. and when was the ceiling price fixed on the landed cost of import of Rs. 4500 per kg;

(c) whether it is a fact that import of Carbamezapine required for Syrup is being over-invoiced and what are the reasons for giving more than two times C.I.F. for this drug on quality considerations;

(d) whether it is a fact that the source which is supplying Carbamezapine syrup variety, is also supplying tablet variety of carbamezapine at Rs. 2800 per Kg.; and

(e) what are the names of other drugs the import of which is being over-invoiced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) The current ceiling prices of Carbamezapine Tablets fixed on 9-7-1992 are based on landed cost of Rs. 4,364.21 per Kg. arrived at from DGHS weighted average c.i.f. price data for 1990-91, with due adjustments for exchange rates and applicable duties. DGHS weighted average c.i.f. price data for 1991-92 has become just available and the landed cost works out to Rs. 3,007.87 per Kg. and the prices of formulations are under suo-moto revision.

(c) and (d). The supply of Carbamezapine from one source is at higher c.i.f. price. This higher price was adopted as a special case on the quality and its suitability considerations for the manufacture of syrup only, keeping in view the fact that this formulation is meant for paediatric use and manufactured by only one company. This higher price though claimed for tablets also, was however, not admitted.

(e) to the extent information is available there is no specific evidence of over-invoicing in any case.

Increase in the Prices of Price-Decontrol Medicines

1607. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of price decontrol medicines have gone up by more than 100 per cent to 200 per cent after the announcement of D.P.C.O. 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the prices of price-decontrol medicines;

(c) if so, what was the price of Intravel Sodium 500mg vial and 1 gm. vial, Fluothane 250ml, Glycodine 79ml, D.B.I. strip of 10 tabs, Blocin 15mg. per amp Calmpose strip of 10 Tablets, Benedryl Syrup, Deonil Tabs, Dilosyn Expectorant, Berin Injection, Clothalton Tablets before DPCO 1987 and what is the present price of each;

(d) what is the percentage increase in each case and what is the M.A.P.E. taken in each products;